

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER ☐
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER ☐
UTILITIES MATTER ☒

DATE April 11, 2012
DOCKET NO. 2012-136-C
ORDER NO. 2012-262

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2012-136-C – Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff for a Proceeding to Timely Review FCC Mandated Reductions to Intrastate Access Tariffs – Discuss This Matter with the Commission.

COMMISSION ACTION:

ORS requests that the Commission require local exchange carriers to submit proposed switched access tariff revisions along with supporting documentation to the Commission and ORS no later than June 1, 2012. This request is in response to the Federal Communication Commission's recently released order, FCC 11-161, on "Universal Service and Intercarrier Compensation Reform." This FCC Order applies to price cap carriers, rate of return carriers, and certain competitive local exchange carriers with intrastate terminating switched end office and transport rates, originating and dedicated transport rates, and reciprocal compensation rates that are above the carrier's interstate access rates. The respective intrastate rates must be reduced by fifty percent (50%) of the differential between the carrier's intrastate and interstate access rates by July 1, 2012, using the methodology set forth in 47 C.F.R. §§51.907, 51.909, and 51.911.

I move that we grant the request of ORS. In order to allow for timely review and implementation of the requisite reductions, all affected local exchange carriers shall file their appropriate tariff revisions by June 1, 2012. These filings must satisfy the criteria set forth in the above federal regulations and include supporting calculations for the proposed transitional intrastate access rates. Current intrastate access rates will remain in effect through June 30, 2012, and, unless suspended by the Commission, the new inter-carrier compensation rates shall automatically take effect on July 1, 2012. If the Commission determines that the submitted rates require modification, they may be suspended or subject to a true-up.

As a final note, the tariff filings shall be made in electronic format. Exhibit A to ORS' Petition provides a description of the Supporting Documentation that may be used in the filing to comply with the applicable FCC regulations, and I move that a copy of ORS' Exhibit A be attached and incorporated into the Directive resulting from this motion.

(See Attached Exhibit A of the Office of Regulatory Staff's Petition)

PRESIDING: Howard

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

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HAMILTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MITCHELL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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BY: J. Schmieding

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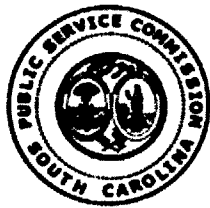


EXHIBIT A

The tariff filings should include the following Supporting Documentation in an electronic format along with certification by the person(s) who prepared the responses to 1-6 that the information provided in the tariff filing and supporting documents is true and accurate.

- (1) Interstate rates in effect on December 29, 2011.
- (2) Intrastate rates in effect on December 29, 2011.
- (3) For Fiscal Year 2011, intrastate demand for each rate element included in "Transitional Intrastate Access Service" as that term is defined in 47 C.F.R §51.903(j).
- (4) Where the LEC's intrastate and interstate rate structures differ, explain how 2011 intrastate demand is correlated to its interstate rate structure.
- (5) Provide the methodology used to reach the required access revenue reduction of 50% of the difference between intrastate and interstate rates.
- (6) Indicate whether you intend to use your existing intrastate rate structure to establish new intrastate rates or whether you intend to apply your interstate rates and rate structure to establish new intrastate rates and the additive to local switching minutes.
- (7) Provide the contact information for the person(s) who prepared the responses.